

TREE PLANTING.

It is time to plant trees and we cannot keep pace with the demand. We have 150,000 miles of railroad track that require 400,000,000 of ties in their construction. To furnish these ties it requires 3,000,000 acres of forest trees, and to keep these roads in repair it annually requires 60,000,000 ties. It is computed that it would require the growth of 15,000,000 acres to keep the present roads in repair. And the planting of these trees is very difficult. The evergreen tree must be kept moist from the time it is taken from the ground till planted. These coniferous trees have a resinous sap and if exposed to the sun or wind the flow of this sap is stopped and the tree is killed. I would plant these evergreen trees in clean sand and keep a kerosene can full of water on the South side. In general tree planting, fruit and shade, I dig a hole 3 feet deep and 3 feet wide. If the ground is good I use no manure, if the ground is sandy I put 6 inches of manure in the bottom, to retain moisture and mix a little manure with the earth until within six inches of the roots of the tree. I put a board across the hole and plant the tree the same depth it grew.

If you plant deep the tree will grow slowly, if you plant in alkali ground the tree will die if you do not cut the hard pan and let the moisture up your tree will die in three or four years. If you give it too much cold water you rot the small roots. In planting the park at Hawthorne I dug holes 4 feet deep and 4 feet wide, put 8 inches of manure in the bottom and used a great deal of manure with the earth, to within 6 inches of the roots. This manure was used to hold moisture and make the ground rich. These trees were planted 8 inches deeper than they grew (an exception to the rule) and the branches were very low and cut down to one bud on each branch. The trees grew and have grown ever since, beyond everyone's expectation. John Dornier, Secretary of State, planted trees at Candelaria on the same principle with a more remarkable growth than those at Hawthorne, but he had a kerosene can full of water stand by each tree each day, and gave each tree a canful at night.

To succeed with evergreens we will have to sow the seed. I have planted a good many and have but two living. Loenst, cork and American elm grow well and great quantities of young come from the roots. Poplar, cottonwood and a dozen other kinds grow from cuttings. Plant cherry, pear, plum and apple, and combine beauty with profit. But we cannot do much without water. The irrigation works of India are 900 miles long, making interior lakes 50 miles in circumference, producing yearly a surplus of wheat worth from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 of dollars, preventing famine and rebellion. The affairs of Nevada will be managed by an intelligent foresight, before long then water will be taken from the mountains and fruit and shade trees will be planted on the roadside, as it is in Germany. Then Nevada, with about the finest climate in the world, will be regarded as the most desirable place to live in the United States.

JOHN WOOD.

CARSON, April 4th., 1887.

The Suto Tunnel Case.

The motion of the attorneys in the Suto Tunnel case for leave to amend their answer in the foreclosure suit of McCalmont Bros., was granted by Judge Sabin yesterday. Forty days were given defendants to secure testimony, and forty additional days for plaintiffs to secure testimony in rebuttal. The Receiver was ordered to pay over all funds in his hands to plaintiffs, without prejudice to the defense, except \$25,000, to be retained for contingent expenses of the Company. Col. Stone and Theodore Suto represent the Company.

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